

Monday morning ministry



**Conferences at Oak Hill College
Spring & Summer 2010**

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It's Monday morning...

The lay leaders in your church are back at work. The members of the youth group are back in school. Yesterday's sermon has been filed away. It feels like you're the only person focusing on next Sunday.

It's not that you'd prefer to be doing something else, but sometimes your ministry can feel like a lonely and isolated place to be. And every now and then it makes demands you're not sure how to meet.

We want to help you draw on the strengths of biblical theology, in the company of others who share your day by day experience of ministry.

We're offering three short conferences which work like a battery recharge, designed to inspire and strengthen you for your ministry. The days focus on theology, preaching and pastoral issues.

As well as the encouragement of meeting with other ministers who know the issues you face from the inside, we hope you'll also leave with a clearer mind, a purer heart and teaching which draws you closer to Jesus.

Persuasive preaching



A PASSION FOR LIFE RESOURCE
OAK HILL SCHOOL OF PREACHING 2010
Wednesday 24 February, 10.00am–4.00pm

With David Cook

Easter 2010 sees the climax of months of praying, planning and training in many churches, as we work together in the nationwide *Passion for Life* initiative. Whatever else you are planning, you will have to do some evangelistic preaching, and we want to help you brush up your skills in time for this great opportunity.

Dr David Cook from Sydney Missionary Bible College (SMBC) will be joining us for a day focusing on the evangelism we can do in our preaching, on the theology we need to have in place and the practical areas we need to work on. David is a frequent visitor to UK conferences, and his input on preaching is always well received. He is the Principal and Director of the School of Preaching at SMBC, and his publications include the great resource, *How to Speak at Special Events*.

In addition to David's main sessions, there will be three optional seminars...

- Evangelism among children and young people, with Trevor Pearce, Youth Worker at All Souls, Langham Place
- Evangelism and Easter in a traditional parish, with Richard Coombs, Vicar of St John the Baptist, Burford
- Evangelism and Apologetics, with Paul Clarke, evangelist on the staff of St Helen's, Bishopsgate

Cost £25 including lunch and refreshments

Discount £15 for external students and apprentices

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Pastors, purity and porn



Wednesday 17 March, 9.30am–12.30pm

With Richard Winter

The difficult conversation that every pastor is having with increasing frequency: how do we help people, usually men, who struggle with the easy availability of online pornography?

How do we preach, teach and pastor on this sensitive subject, in a way that enables people to obey Christ in their imagination, their marriages, their singleness? And how do we do it without hypocrisy, because the attraction of easy-access porn on our desktops puts sexual temptation before us on a daily basis.

Dr Richard Winter will be leading this half-day conference. He is a Member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists and currently works in the United States, where he is Professor of Practical Theology and Director of the Masters Program in Counselling at Covenant Theological Seminary, St Louis, Missouri. Richard is the author of numerous books and articles, including *Perfecting Ourselves to Death: the Pursuit of Excellence and the Perils of Perfectionism*; *Still Bored in a Culture of Entertainment: Rediscovering Passion and Wonder*; and *The Roots of Sorrow: Reflections on Depression and Hope*.

Cost £15 including refreshments but not lunch

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Temptation: from Augustine to Screwtape



OAK HILL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY 2010
Wednesday 19 May, 10.00am–4.00pm

With Liam Goligher

An early Christian writer observed that 'great endeavours and hard struggles await those who are converted, but afterwards inexpressible joy.' All Christians face the battle with temptation, including defeats and victories, and it is a battle which continues throughout our lives. Understanding the spiritual nature of temptation, how it functions and how we can resist it, is critical to spiritual health and growth.

The theology of temptation and the issues of pastoral care which surround it are the subject of the annual Oak Hill School of Theology in May 2010. The School will be led by Dr Liam Goligher, the Pastor of Duke Street Baptist Church in Richmond, who has years of experience in pastoring God's people. During the day he is going to take us to four key individuals, whose thinking about temptation has shaped Christian thought over the centuries.

- Augustine, whose debate with Pelagius led to the crystallisation of the doctrine of original sin
- Martin Luther, whose theology was shaped by the bondage of our wills to sin, and the utter necessity of grace
- John Owen, whose theology of temptation and sin has equipped pastors to deal with their own temptations, as well as help others
- CS Lewis, whose infernal character, *Screwtape*, shrewdly summarised the strategies of the evil one in attacking Christians

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Looking ahead... summer courses

All pastors are aware of Jesus' great commission to go into all nations, make disciples and teach what he commanded. At Oak Hill we want to respond to this challenge of Jesus not only in the training we give our students, but also by offering the resources of the College to those who are already in ministry.

This coming summer we are offering two intensive courses of two and a half days each: one relating to the gospel message itself; the other to communicating effectively in multicultural, pluralistic, contemporary Britain. Here are the details of each course.

Theology and gospel in Luke

Monday-Wednesday, 12-14 July 2010

With Mike Ovey

Luke's Gospel is like a treasure trove. Some of the best-loved jewels of Jesus' teaching are to be found there, such as the parables of the good Samaritan and the prodigal son. But it is sometimes easy to let these remarkable passages stand alone too much, in a way that doesn't readily allow them to relate to each other, or the rest of the Gospel. And as we all know, a text without a context can all too readily become a pretext.

The aim of this course by Mike Ovey, Principal of Oak Hill, is to examine the underlying and unifying themes of Luke's Gospel as well as to think how best to communicate them to a society which reacts negatively to guilt and easily turns to self-help philosophy rather than accepting the life-changing teaching of scripture.



Practical apologetics

Wednesday-Friday, 14-16 July 2010

With Dan Strange

Contemporary Britain is a place of many gods and idols. In this climate, Christian claims are unfamiliar, even foreign. Many think their own existing beliefs are perfectly adequate, or at least there are none better available. As one song lyric says: 'This is my truth, now tell me yours.' The Bible tells us to give a reason for the hope we have, but sometimes it is hard to know the right questions to ask, let alone the right answers to give.

This course by Dan Strange, Lecturer in Culture, Religion and Public Theology at Oak Hill, helps us work through ways of approaching and challenging the existing ideas, beliefs and assumptions that people have, meeting them with the truth of the gospel.



Booking details for these two short courses will be available on the College website in the New Year

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Please complete the details below for each conference you wish to attend:

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